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SUBJECT: RCMP TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF CIA ACTIVITY IN CANADA

1. SOLICITOR GENERAL ALLMAND TOLD COMMONS JUSTICE COMMITTEE MAY 28 THAT RCMP WOULD INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THAT CIA HAS OPERATED "ILLEGALLY" IN CANADA. AT LEAST THREE ALLEGATIONS ARE INVOLVED:

A. VIRGINIO GONZALEZ, ALLEGEDLY RECRUITED BY CIA, HAS SAID HE WAS ORDERED TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES OF JOHN MEIER, WHO EMPLOYED BY HOWARD HUGHES. HIGHLY COMPLICATED STORY INVOLVES SEVERAL ALLEGED TRIPS TO CANADA, AND MEETINGS WITH INTER ALIA JOHN REYNOLDS, A CONSERVATION M.P. AND T.C. DOUGLAS AND ANDREW BREWIN, BOTH N.D.P. MEMBERS.

B. ALLEGED CIA AGENT EMILIO GARZA IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AT COADY INSTITUTE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN NOVA SCOTIA TO CHECK ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN STUDENTS.

C. A CIA INFORMANT IS ALEGED TO HAVE INFILTRATED AMERICA INDIAN MOVEMENT AND COME TO OTTAWA LAST FALL WITH PROTESTING CANADIAN INDIANS.

2. ALLMAND SAID CIA OPERATIVES HAVE ON OCCASION COME TO CANADA WITH RCMP PERMISSION, BUT THAT IF CIA FOUND OPERATING

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"ILLEGALLY" MATTER WOULD BE REFERRED TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ALLEGATIONS OF CIA OPERATIONS
IN CANADA HAVE BEEN COMMONPLACE IN PAST YEAR. NEW
INVESTIGATION WILL KEEP POT BOILING, SHOULD INVESTIGATION
REVEAL SOLID EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES, LOUD AND BITTER
PRESS, PUBLIC, AND PARLIAMENTARY OUTCRY CAN BE EXPECTED.
EMBASSY IS CONTINUING DENY ALL ALLEGATIONS OF ILLEGAL
CIA ACITIVITES IN CANADA.
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